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Director's Message



Mark Kubik
Executive Director

The end of another fiscal year gives CCJ the opportunity to report our agency's value to our communities:

- CCJ served a record high **1,662** clients
- **81%** successfully completed their probation
- **90%** of the clients that successfully completed probation in 2009 did not reoffend the following year

For every client that does not reoffend, there is one less victim, less stress placed on the criminal justice system, and the taxpayers save money. A probation at CCJ is 1% the cost of incarceration.

CCJ strives to rehabilitate first-time and low-risk criminal offenders while increasing public safety. The above outcomes prove our agency is effective in accomplishing these important goals. Thank you, for your continued support.



Back Row (from left): Doug Jones, Craig Evans, and Michael Gluesing. Front Row (from left): Deb Claire, Christy Boyer, and Mark Kubik.

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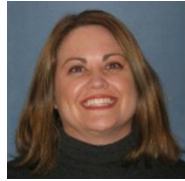
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The Annual APPA Conference



Christy Boyer
Probation Officer



Deb Claire
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Christy Boyer and Deb Claire recently attended the American Probation and Parole Association's [APPA] training conference in Chicago, Illinois. The APPA is an international association actively involved in probation, parole, and community corrections. Areas of training included:

The Supervision of OWI Offenders:

- Case Plans – Action steps that are attainable for defendant.
- Incentives – Clients who complete programs or make their probation appointments may be eligible for rewards.
- Home Visits – Complete more home visits on high-risk clients.

Identifying Strengths in Challenging Clients:

- Focus on client strengths = more success.
- Seek to understand the clients' styles and understand your own strengths and weaknesses.

From Probation Officer to Community Safety Officer:

- PO's should be out in the community where clients are every day.
- Visit service providers that clients are involved with.

- Get a signed release to speak with providers and family to see how the client is doing.

When the Offender is the Victim: Supervising those Victimized by Domestic Violence:

- Statistics show an increasing number of women who are being placed on probation and have experienced intimate partner abuse.
- Address the needs of the victims while still holding them accountable for their crimes. Become familiar with victim services in your area.

"I feel very fortunate that the Center for Creative Justice makes it a priority for staff to attend National Conferences such as the APPA. When you attend these conferences, it renews your energy and passion to continue this work. It is exciting to bring back new ideas you have learned from other agencies."

-Christy Boyer

Client's Letter to the Judge (Excerpt)

Getting a deferred judgment and going through probation has been a very beneficial experience for me. Obviously the charge not being on my record is very important to me, but I think I also learned a lot more in probation than I would have in jail. I was arrested for a small amount of marijuana, so jail would have been a few days of sitting, reading a book and trying to stay out of the way. Probation on the other hand has given me some guidance. Craig Evans, my probation officer, has offered me some wisdom and insights that I would have otherwise never received.

CCJ Impacts

Over 1,600 low-risk and first-time offenders supervised in the past year.

75% of all probation cases in Story County are handled by CCJ.

81% of CCJ's clients successfully completed all requirements of probation in 2010.

90% of probation clients that have successfully completed their probation **did not re-offend within the following year.**

How Can I Help?

Assist CCJ with projects and/or events.

Volunteer to assist clerical staff.

Make a donation to CCJ.